

To: Federal Communications Commission

BellSouth has filed a petition at the FCC, asking the FCC to stop regulating broadband service. To do this would cause consumers many problems in the future. In the near future it limits choices of consumers and increases prices. We also see what happens after a price war and the strongest consolidate and there become fewer competitors.

An example of this is our phone services are now starting to rise again after years of falling prices along with the pricing issue is the fact that our service is far lower than ever before.

If this petition is granted, this would mean that the large phone companies would no longer be subject to regulatory review of their broadband pricing to independent ISPs like Sonic.net. As a result, we would have to individually negotiate pricing and the ability to interconnect, which would undoubtedly raise our prices, and yours in the long term.

*Respectfully,
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